

November 19, 2009

The Board of Public Works & Safety met at 4:00 p.m. on the above date in the Meeting Room at City Hall Annex with Mayor Tucker presiding and members Higgins and Fuelling attending. Others attending were Chief Beloit; Chief Waters; Comm. Maynard; Tiffani Weatherford – Posey County Chamber of Commerce; Sara Manifold – Mount Vernon Democrat; and Pam Robinson – Posey County News.

Mayor Tucker called the meeting to order by stating members were either mailed or hand carried copies of the minutes of their previous meeting and by asking if there were any corrections or additions. She added if not, she entertains a motion to waive their reading and to approve the minutes as presented.

Board member Fuelling moved the reading of the minutes be waived and they be approved as presented. Seconded by Board member Higgins.

Mayor Tucker asked if there was any discussion ?

There was none.

Mayor Tucker stated all those in favor of the motion should signify in the affirmative; and following the vote, he reported the motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Tucker requested action on the claims presented.

Board member Higgins moved the claims presented be allowed for payment. Seconded by Board member Fuelling.

Mayor Tucker asked if there was any discussion ?

There was none.

Mayor Tucker stated all those in favor of the motion should signify in the affirmative; and following the vote, he reported the motion carried unanimously.

\*\*\*\*\*CLAIMS\*\*\*\*\*

Mayor Tucker stated they will now hear the reports of the Departments.

Chief Beloit stated he would like Board's approval to attend the IACP Mid-Winter Conference in Indianapolis, January 27 – 29, 2010, leaving on the 26<sup>th</sup>, and use of the city credit card. He added the conference will help with his required training hours.

Board member Higgins moved permission to attend and use the city credit card be given. Seconded by Board member Fuelling.

Mayor Tucker asked if there was any discussion ?

There was none.

Mayor Tucker stated all those in favor of the motion should signify in the affirmative; and following the vote, he reported the motion carried unanimously.

Chief Beloit continued his report by stating he has given the Board copies of the following letter signed by the department heads concerning the health insurance situation. He added Supt. Gray was not able to get up to sign the letter, but he is in agreement; and Supt. Givens was out of town.

This letter is regarding the increase in health insurance coverage of the employees of the City of Mount Vernon for the year 2010. The department heads are concerned that the budget

freeze for 2010 did not allow for us to incorporate any budget increase to offset the employee health insurance increase of 4.35%. The department heads would respectfully request that the Mount Vernon Board of Works and Safety review the attached materials and make a recommendation to the Mount Vernon City Council to support the appropriation of additional COIT Funds to offset the employee health insurance increase for 2010. Hopefully, this will be able to be addressed in future department budgets rather than using additional COIT funds. Under the current budget freeze we see no other option to cover the health insurance increase, without passing the increase on to the employees. On behalf of all of the city employees, we thank you for your consideration of this matter.

Board member Fuelling stated he is OK with COIT picking up the increase in premium, as a substantial portion of that budget is used for that purpose.

Board member Higgins agreed and added they need to help the employees out any way they can, and COIT can not be used for any other purpose anyway.

Board member Fuelling moved COIT absorb the increase and the employee share should remain the same. Seconded by Board member Higgins.

Mayor Tucker asked if there was any discussion ?

There was none.

Mayor Tucker stated all those in favor of the motion should signify in the affirmative; and following the vote, he reported the motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Tucker then asked if there were any questions of Chief Beloit ?

There were none.

Chief Waters stated he has the Mutual Aid Agreement in conjunction with the Chiefs Association. He added Attorney Higgins has reviewed it and it is the same as it has been for 20 years.

Board consented to accept and sign the agreement.

Mayor Tucker asked if there were any questions ?

There were none.

Comm. Maynard stated he was contacted a few days ago about the grants the city applies for through INDOT – apparently the city needs a responsible party to sign off and training is required for that.

After discussing this with Mayor Tucker, it was decided that Comm. Maynard should be the one to go for the training. He added it will be held in Indianapolis November 30 through December 2.

Board member Higgins moved Comm. Maynard be given permission to attend and use the city credit card. Seconded by Board member Fuelling.

Mayor Tucker asked if there was any discussion ?

There was none.

Mayor Tucker stated all those in favor of the motion should signify in the affirmative; and following the vote, he reported the motion carried unanimously.

Comm. Maynard continued his report by stating he received a letter from Attorney Higgins on the bids for the lightening loader. He stated all bids were legal, but Best Equipment was the lowest at \$131,021.94. He then added he has spoken with Clay Sills at ONB about the financing and they were not interested at this time. He stated he has a quote from TCF Equipment Financing for a rate of 4.23% for five years with \$25,000 down and annual payments of \$24,855.00. He added in 2010, the Sanitation Budget will take care of the dump truck/packer payments and MVHF has \$34,924 in the equipment line, the payment can be made from there. He concluded by stating their equipment is in bad shape.

Board member Higgins agreed and added people notice it too.

Comm. Maynard stated they really need this particular piece of equipment, and he requests that they move forward.

Board member Higgins moved they proceed with the low bid of Best Equipment on the lightening loader, and with TCF Equipment Financing at a rate of 4.23%. Seconded by Board member Fuelling. Mayor Tucker asked if there was any discussion ?

Board member Fuelling asked if there were any other monies allowable to be spent on this purchase as he would like to see it paid off as early as possible.

Clerk-Treasurer Wolfe replied only if they were to be appropriated.

Mayor Tucker stated all those in favor of the motion should signify in the affirmative; and following the vote, he reported the motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Tucker asked if there were any questions of Comm. Maynard ?

There were none.

Mayor Tucker stated on the Legal portion of the Agenda is the Anthem BCBS contract for health insurance. He stated it is for the renewal which will begin January 1, 2010, and contains the new rates.

Board member Fuelling moved they accept and sign the contract with Anthem BCBS for 2010.

Seconded by Board member Higgins.

Mayor Tucker asked if there was any discussion ?

There was none.

Mayor Tucker stated all those in favor of the motion should signify in the affirmative; and following the vote, he reported the motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Tucker asked if anyone in the Audience wished to address the Board ?

There was no response.

Mayor Tucker asked if there was any Old Business ?

Board member Fuelling reported 18 of 22 trees have been planted and the Street Department has been a great help.

Mayor Tucker asked if there was any New Business ?

Clerk-Treasurer Wolfe requested permission to request an advance draw on their property tax money. Board consented.

Board member Higgins stated tomorrow she will be once again looking into the truck situation on Kimball Street, when she meets with the Port, Chief Beloit, and Comm. Maynard.

Board member Fuelling stated he does not see using the highway as being a problem. He added if it is clear, they can go straight across and make the westbound turn.

Board member Higgins replied they don't want to wait though.

Board member Fuelling stated they can use the highway, there is not an issue there.

Mayor Tucker stated he has a request from Supt. Givens, who was unable to attend the meeting. He would like permission to enter a contract with Wells Valuation Service to perform the work on their fixed asset inventory, as written up in the State Board of Accounts annual audit. He added this is the same firm the water department retained as well to update their inventory. He then stated they are also guaranteeing that the work will be accepted by State Board of Accounts, and if not, they will continue until it is.

Board consented.

Mayor Tucker stated if there is no further business, he entertains a motion to adjourn.  
Board member Higgins moved the meeting be adjourned. Seconded by Board member Fuelling.  
Mayor Tucker stated all those in favor of the motion should signify in the affirmative; and following the vote, he reported the motion carried unanimously and adjourned the meeting.

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John Tucker  
Mayor

ATTEST:

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Cristi L. Wolfe  
Clerk-Treasurer